



The Learning Connection

Dates to Remember:

- March 17—Tutor Brown Bag 11:30 a.m.
- March 25—CHS Tutor Meeting 11:30 a.m.
- March 25—Book Club 6:00 p.m.
- April 14—Entry deadline for Race for Literacy
- April 17—Tutor Brown Bag 11:30 a.m.
- April 22—Book Club 6:00 p.m.
- May 2—Pick up Race for Literacy shirts and race numbers
- May 4—Race for Literacy
- June 1—Celebration Carlsbad Senior Center noon

New Principal Librarian

The Library Learning Center has a Principal Librarian to guide staff, public, and contractors through the opening of the new facility.

Carol Naegele started on February 25. Carol retired from the Oceanside Public Library three years ago as the Principal Librarian in charge of literacy services

and children's services. She brings a wealth of experience critical to developing the blend of services we will be offering at the Learning Center. Carol will work with us for approximately one year.

The Learning Center is still tentatively scheduled for opening in early August, and we look forward to working with Carol.

Race for Literacy

Mark your calendars for the Union-Tribune Race for Literacy on Sunday, May 4th. This scenic five mile walk/run benefits local literacy programs (including ours).

Registration is \$25 and includes a colorful T-shirt, free parking and a shuttle bus from the finish back to the start.

The walk/run begins at Balboa Park in San Diego and takes participants down Highway 163 (closed, of course) before finishing at Pantoja Park in downtown San Diego.

All entries must be received by April 14. Get entry forms and more information in the office. Carpooling is also available. Encourage your learners, tutors, family and friends to participate as well! It's great fun (ask someone who participated last year).

Celebration 2008

Join us on Sunday, June 1, from noon to 2:00 pm. in the Carlsbad Senior Center for our Celebration.

This annual event will feature food from Pat & Oscar's and inspiring stories from our learners. Invitations will be mailed at the end of April. We hope you can join us.



The room set for the Celebration in 2007. Put yourself in the picture this year!



We are updating our records to make sure the information we have for everyone is up-to-date.

Please fill out the form below and give it to any staff member. Thank you!

Name _____

Street Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Email (provide only if it is okay for us to send you information) _____

Emergency Contact: Name _____ Phone _____





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New Fiction Books Available in our Collection

Take a look in the Fiction section of our collection. We have a number of new books for you to enjoy! Some offer a more challenging reading level, and many have audio CDs. Here are some new titles for you to explore:

- ***Souder*** by William H. Armstrong. Traces the keen sorrow and the abiding faith of a poor African-American boy in the 19th-century South.
- ***The Heaven Shop*** by Deborah Ellis. Story of a young girl who goes from being the child star of a popular Malawi radio program, to an AIDS orphan.
- ***The Secret Life Of Bees*** by Sue Monk Kidd. The tale of one motherless daughter's discovery of what family really means, and of the strange and wondrous places where love is found.
- ***Holes*** by Louis Sachar. Story of a young boy sent by to a juvenile detention center by a miscarriage of justice, and what he learns there.
- ***Digging to America*** by Anne Tyler. Two families meet by chance at the Baltimore airport, each anticipating the arrival of an adopted infant daughter from Korea.



Best Wishes Erin!

Staff member, Erin Thomas, and her husband will be moving to the Sacramento area at the end of March where he has accepted a new job.

Erin has made major contributions to the Adult Learning Program, including the Basic Skills class, program reporting, and the Book Club.

We will miss Erin tremendously, but we are happy for their opportunity and wish them well!

Adult Learning on Channel 10, CNN

John Corcoran, a former learner and the author of *The Teacher Who Couldn't Read*, is publishing a second book. John and the Adult Learning Program were recently featured on Channel 10 Local News and CNN. His story is important as it may give others the courage to seek help and prompt those who are interested to tutor.



Les J.—marriage to Carmen T.

Ramon G.—new job

Evelyn J.—new job

Mayumi I.—new job

Vernon T.—new job

Thank You!

Susan A.—

road atlas

Harriet N.—

bagel crisps

Li L.—oranges

Geoff A.—

bananas and
apples

Bastien A.—

helping to clean up and organize the
classroom

Dolores W.—completing the file
project

Fernanda J.—herbal tea and
healthy snack bars

Wayne W.—paper for Learning
Connection

Evelyn J.—calculator

Betty G.—note pads



SCLLN Conference

The Carlsbad Adult Learning Program was represented at the annual Southern California Library Literacy Network conference by staff members, AmeriCorps volunteers, tutors, and learners. Those who attended this Tutor & Learner Conference participated in workshops on topics such as comprehension, storytelling, reading, writing, and pronunciation.

Keynote speaker, Jonathan Mooney, shared his experiences growing up as a child labeled "dyslexic and profoundly learning disabled with attention and behavior problems." And yet he graduated with honors from Brown University and established an organization to help children overcome learning obstacles.

Read more about Jonathan's accomplishments in his book "The Short Bus: A Journey Beyond Normal."